been requested to disburse the arrears before the close of this financial year. Process for release of funds for World Bank-assisted ICDS Projects is underway.

Prices of NCERT text books

†1806. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to reduce the prices of new text books of NCERT; and

(b) if so, names of the States in which prices of text books of NCERT are being reduced by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Religious instructions in schools

1807. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give religious instructions in schools in the country; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in affirmative, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

Cleanliness in South bound Trains

1808. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that South bound long distance train coaches

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.